What is claimed is:

1. A compound of formula (I):

$$R_4$$
NH
$$R_3$$

$$NH$$

$$X-C(O)$$

$$NH$$

$$(CH_2)_n$$

$$(CH_2)_n$$

formula (I)

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein: X-C(O)- is a substituent moiety having a variable position "m", wherein "m" represents a carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the X-C(O)-substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (I);

X is selected from the group consisting of

- (i) amino substituted with one R_{1a} substituent and one R_{1b} substituent;
- 10 (ii) a heterocyclyl ring optionally substituted with one or more R₂ substituents, said heterocyclyl ring having at least one nitrogen atom member, wherein the nitrogen atom member forms the point of attachment for said heterocyclyl ring on the -C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety; and,
- (iii) a heteroaryl ring optionally substituted with one or more R₂ substituents, said heteroaryl ring having at least one secondary amine member as a point of attachment for said heteroaryl ring on the -C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)-moiety;

 R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

20 (i) hydrogen;

- (ii) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, carboxyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl,
- wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of

 C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(iii) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈alkyl, wherein C₁₋₈alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R₃ is selected from the group consisting of O and S;

R₄ is selected from the group consisting of

- (a) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
 - (b) benzofused dioxolyl;

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(c) benzofused dioxinyl; and,

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(d) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

L is a direct (single or double) bond, or a linking group selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyldiyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyldiyl and aryldiyl,

- 10 (i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,
 - (ii) one or more independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,
- 15 (e) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl,
 - wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
 - wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and
 - wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
 - (f) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy,

- amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- (g) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- Y is one or more optionally present C₁₋₈alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;
- m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the X-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (I); and, n is an integer from 1 to 2.
 - 2. The compound of claim 1, wherein X is selected from the group consisting of
 - (i) amino substituted with one R_{1a} substituent and one R_{1b} substituent;
- (ii) a heterocyclyl ring optionally substituted with one or two R₂ substituents, said

 20 heterocyclyl ring having at least one nitrogen atom member, wherein the

 nitrogen atom member forms the point of attachment for said heterocyclyl ring

 on the -C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety; and,
 - (iii) a heteroaryl ring optionally substituted with one or two R₂ substituents, said heteroaryl ring having at least one secondary amine member as a point of attachment for said heteroaryl ring on the -C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)-moiety;

R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(i) hydrogen;

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30 (ii) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, carboxyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl,

- wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8} alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo;
 - wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
 - wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- (iii) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;
- R₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈alkyl, wherein C₁₋₈alkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R₄ is selected from the group consisting of

- (a) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently
 selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino,
 mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
 - (b) benzofused dioxolyl;

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(c) benzofused dioxinyl; and,

- aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 5 R₅ is selected from the group consisting of

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- (i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,
- (ii) one or two independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,
- (e) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl,
- wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
 - wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and
 - wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
 - (f) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
 - aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino,

mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

Y is one or two optionally present C₁₋₈alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.

- 10 3. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of
 - (i) hydrogen;

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(iii)

(ii) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, heterocyclyl and aryl wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two

carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo; and, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl,

halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and, aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected

 C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano,

from the group consisting of amino, $mono(C_{1-8})$ alkylamino, $di(C_{1-8})$ alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈alkyl;

R₅ is selected from the group consisting of

(i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,

- (ii) one or two independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,
- (e) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and aryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 10 (f) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

Y is absent;

- m is an integer from 3 to 4 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the X-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (I); and, n is 1.
- The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from
 the group consisting of
 - (i) hydrogen;
- (ii) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, heterocyclyl and aryl,
 30 wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano,

halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo; and,

(iii) aryl;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈alkyl;

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R₄ is selected from the group consisting of

- (a) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 10 (b) benzofused dioxolyl; and,
 - aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

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- (i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,
- (ii) one or two independently selected substituents selected from the group
 consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,
 - (e) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and aryl,
- C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.

- 5. The compound of claim 1, wherein X is selected from the group consisting of
- (i) amino substituted with one R_{1a} substituent and one R_{1b} substituent;
- (ii) a heterocyclyl ring, said heterocyclyl ring having at least one nitrogen atom member, wherein the nitrogen atom member forms the point of attachment for said heterocyclyl ring on the -C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety; and,
- (iii) a heteroaryl ring, said heteroaryl ring having at least one secondary amine member as a point of attachment for said heteroaryl ring on the -C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety;
- R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of
 - (i) hydrogen;

- (ii) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, hydroxy, carboxyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl and aryl, wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with an oxo substituent; and,
 - (iii) aryl;
- 20 R₂ is hydrogen;

R₄ is selected from the group consisting of

- (a) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl;
- (b) benzofused dioxolyl; and,
- 25 (d) aryl;

L is a direct (single or double) bond; and,

- 30 (i) one paragraph (e) substituent when L is a double bond; and,
 - (ii) one or two independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,

- (e) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or two aryl substituents; and,
- (g) aryl.
- 6. The compound of claim 1, wherein X is selected from the group consisting of
- 5 (i) amino substituted with one R_{1a} substituent and one R_{1b} substituent;
 - (ii) a heterocyclyl ring selected from the group consisting of piperazinyl, morpholinyl, 1,3,4-trihydro-isoquinolinyl and pyrrolidinyl, said heterocyclyl ring having at least one nitrogen atom member, wherein the nitrogen atom member forms the point of attachment for said heterocyclyl ring on the -C(O)-portion of the X-C(O)- moiety; and,
 - (iii) a heteroaryl ring, said heteroaryl ring having at least one secondary amine member as a point of attachment for said heteroaryl ring on the -C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety; wherein said heteroaryl ring is imidazolyl;
- R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of
 - (i) hydrogen;
- (ii) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, hydroxy, morpholinyl, 1,3-dihydro-2*H*-isoindolyl and phenyl, wherein said 1,3-dihydro-2*H*-isoindolyl is optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with an oxo substituent; and,
 - (iii) phenyl;

R₂ is hydrogen;

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R₄ is selected from the group consisting of

- (a) cyclohexyl;
- (b) 1,3-benzodioxolyl; and,
- (d) phenyl; and,

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- (i) one paragraph (e) substituent when L is a double bond; and,
- (ii) one or two independently selected substituents selected from the group

- consisting of paragraphs (e) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,
- (e) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or two phenyl substituents; and,
- (g) phenyl.

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- 7. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of
- (i) hydrogen;
- (iii) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, carboxyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo; and,
 - (iii) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl.
 - 8. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of
 - (i) hydrogen;
- 25 (ii) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, hydroxy, carboxyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl and aryl, wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with an oxo substituent; and,
 - (iii) aryl.
 - 9. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from

- the group consisting of
- (i) hydrogen;
- (ii) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, hydroxy, morpholinyl,
 1,3-dihydro-2*H*-isoindolyl and phenyl, wherein said 1,3-dihydro-2*H*-isoindolyl is optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with an oxo substituent; and,
 - (iii) phenyl.

- 10 10. The compound of claim 1, wherein R₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈alkyl.
 - 11. The compound of claim 1, wherein R₄ is selected from the group consisting of
 - (a) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, halogen, and hydroxy;
 - (b) benzofused dioxolyl;
 - (c) benzofused dioxinyl; and,
- aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected
 from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino,
 mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.
 - 12. The compound of claim 1, wherein R₄ is selected from the group consisting of
 - (a) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl;
- 25 (b) benzofused dioxolyl;
 - (c) benzofused dioxinyl; and,
 - (d) aryl.
 - 13. The compound of claim 1, wherein R₄ is selected from the group consisting of
- 30 (a) C_{3-8} cycloalkyl;
 - (b) benzofused dioxolyl; and,
 - (d) aryl.

- 14. The compound of claim 1, wherein R₄ is selected from the group consisting of
- (a) cyclohexyl;
- (b) 1,3-benzodioxolyl; and,
- (d) phenyl.

- 15. The compound of claim 1, wherein L is a direct (single or double) bond.
- 16. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L is a double bond, R₅ is one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f); and, when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond, R₅ is one or more independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g):
- (e) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino,
 di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 20 (f) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.
- 17. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L is a double bond, R₅ is one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f);
 30 and, when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond, R₅ is one or more independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g):
 - (e) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently

- selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl;
- C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents
 independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
 - (g) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.
- 18. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L is a double bond, R₅ is one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f); and, when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond, R₅ is one or more independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g):
 - (e) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or more aryl substituents;
 - (f) C_{3-8} cycloalkyl; and,
 - (g) aryl.

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- 19. The compound of claim 1, wherein when L is a double bond, R₅ is one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f); and, when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond, R₅ is one or more independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g):
- (e) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or more phenyl substituents;
- (f) C_{3-8} cycloalkyl; and,
- (g) phenyl.
- 30 20. The compound of claim 1, wherein Y is one or two optionally present C₁₋₈alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and

heteroaryl, wherein said C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.

21. The compound of claim 1, wherein Y is one or two optionally present C₁₋₄alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.

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- 22. The compound of claim 1, wherein Y is one or two optionally present C₁₋₄alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro.
 - 23. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (I) is a selected from a compound of formula (Ia):

formula (Ia)

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

[(R_{1b})(R_{1a})]N-C(O)- is a substituent moiety having a variable position "m", wherein

"m" represents a carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the [(R_{1b})(R_{1a})]N-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ia);

R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(i) hydrogen;

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- (ii) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, carboxyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl,
 - wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
 - wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8} alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo;
 - wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and
- wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- 25 (iii) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R₃ is selected from the group consisting of O and S;

R₄ is selected from the group consisting of

(a) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy,

- amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- (b) benzofused dioxolyl;

- (c) benzofused dioxinyl; or
- aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- L is a direct (single or double) bond, or a linking group selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyldiyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyldiyl and aryldiyl,

- (i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,
- one or more independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,
 - (e) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino,
- di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl,
 - wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
 - wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and
- wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino,

di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

- (f) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- (g) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 10 Y is one or more optionally present C₁₋₈alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;
 - m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the $[(R_{1b})(R_{1a})]N-C(O)$ substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ia); and, n is an integer from 1 to 2.
- 20 24. The compound of claim 23, wherein

R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(i) hydrogen;

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- (ii) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, carboxyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl,
 - wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
 - wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8} alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group

consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo; wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(iii) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

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R₄ is selected from the group consisting of

- (a) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 20 (b) benzofused dioxolyl;
 - (c) benzofused dioxinyl; or
 - aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

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- (i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,
- (ii) one or two independently selected substituents selected from the group
 consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,
 - (e) C_{1-8} alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino,

di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of 5 C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, 10 halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, 15 di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; (1) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino, $mono(C_{1-4})$ alkylamino, di (C_{1-4}) alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and, 20 aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected (g) from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, $mono(C_{1-4})$ alkylamino, di (C_{1-4}) alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and, 25 Y is one or two optionally present C₁₋₈alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and

heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.

25. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (I) is a selected from a compound of formula (Ib):

$$R_{3}$$
 R_{4}
 R_{3}
 R_{4}
 R_{5}
 R_{5}

formula (Ib)

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein: (4-R₂)-1-piperazinyl-C(O)- is a substituent moiety having a variable position "m", wherein "m" represents a carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the (4-R₂)-1-piperazinyl-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino

attachment for the (4-R₂)-1-piperazinyl-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ib);

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈alkyl, wherein C₁₋₈alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R₃ is selected from the group consisting of O and S;

R₄ is selected from the group consisting of

- (a) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- (b) benzofused dioxolyl;

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- (c) benzofused dioxinyl; or
- (d) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino,
- 25 mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

L is a direct (single or double) bond, or a linking group selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyldiyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyldiyl and aryldiyl,

R₅ is selected from the group consisting of

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- 5 (i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,
 - (ii) one or more independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,
- 10 (e) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl,
 - wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
 - wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and
 - wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
 - (f) C_{3-8} cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4}) alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}) alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
 - (g) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

Y is one or more optionally present C₁₋₈alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted;

m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the (4-R₂)-1-piperazinyl-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ib); and, n is an integer from 1 to 2.

26. The compound of claim 25, wherein

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 R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-8} alkyl, wherein C_{1-8} alkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R₄ is selected from the group consisting of

- (a) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
 - (b) benzofused dioxolyl;
 - (c) benzofused dioxinyl; or
- aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected
 from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino,
 mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

- (i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,
- (ii) one or two independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,

(e) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl,

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- wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and
 - wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- (f) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- Y is one or two optionally present C₁₋₈alkyl substituents optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl are optionally further substituted.
- 27. The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound of formula (I) is a selected

from a compound of formula (Ic):

$$R_4$$
NH
O
NH
 R_5
X-C(O)
 R_4
 R_5

formula (Ic)

and enantiomers, diastereomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

X-C(O)- is a substituent moiety having a variable position "m", wherein said "m"

represents a carbon atom number corresponding to a point of attachment for the

X-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ic);

X is selected from the group consisting of

- (i) amino substituted with one R_{1a} substituent and one R_{1b} substituent;
- (ii) heterocyclyl ring optionally substituted with one or more R₂ substituents, said

 heterocyclyl ring having at least one nitrogen atom member, wherein the
 nitrogen atom member forms the point of attachment for said heterocyclyl ring
 on the -C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety; and,
 - (iii) a heteroaryl ring optionally substituted with one or more R₂ substituents, said heteroaryl ring having at least one secondary amine member as a point of attachment for said heteroaryl ring on the -C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety;

R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

- (i) hydrogen;
- 20 (ii) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, carboxyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl,

wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of

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 C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C_{1-8} alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4})alkylamino, di(C_{1-4})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo;

wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(iii) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

 R_2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C_{1-8} alkyl, wherein C_{1-8} alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C_{1-8})alkylamino, di(C_{1-8})alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R₄ is selected from the group consisting of

- (a) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- (b) benzofused dioxolyl;

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- (c) benzofused dioxinyl; and,
- (d) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected

from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

L is a direct (single or double) bond, or a linking group selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyldiyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyldiyl and aryldiyl,

R₅ is selected from the group consisting of

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- (i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,
- one or more independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,
 - (e) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl,
 - wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
 - wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or more carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 30 (f) C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

- (g) aryl optionally substituted with one or more substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to the point of attachment for the X-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ic).
- 10 28. The compound of claim 27, wherein X is selected from the group consisting of
 - (i) amino substituted with one R_{1a} substituent and one R_{1b} substituent;
 - heterocyclyl ring optionally substituted with one or two R₂ substituents, said heterocyclyl ring having at least one nitrogen atom member, wherein the nitrogen atom member forms the point of attachment for said heterocyclyl ring on the -C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety; and,
 - (iii) a heteroaryl ring optionally substituted with one or two R₂ substituents, said heteroaryl ring having at least one secondary amine member as a point of attachment for said heteroaryl ring on the -C(O)- portion of the X-C(O)- moiety;

 R_{1a} and R_{1b} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(i) hydrogen;

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- (ii) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, carboxyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl,
 - wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
 - wherein said heterocyclyl is optionally substituted on a nitrogen atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group

consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and oxo; wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and

wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

(iii) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C₁₋₈alkyl, wherein C₁₋₈alkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₈)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro and carboxyl;

R₄ is selected from the group consisting of

- (a) C_{3-8} cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} alkoxy, amino, mono(C_{1-4}) alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}) alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- 25 (b) benzofused dioxolyl;
 - (c) benzofused dioxinyl; and,
 - aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino,
 mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;

L is a direct (single or double) bond, or a linking group selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyldiyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyldiyl and aryldiyl; and,

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R₅ is selected from the group consisting of

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- (i) one substituent selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e) and (f) when L is a double bond; and,
- (ii) one or two independently selected substituents selected from the group consisting of paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) when L is a single bond or other than a direct bond,
- (e) C₁₋₈alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl,
 - wherein said C₃₋₈cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
 - wherein said aryl is optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,
- wherein said heteroaryl is optionally substituted on a secondary amine atom with C₁₋₈alkyl, and optionally and independently substituted on one or two carbon atoms with a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
- C₃₋₈cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently
 selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino,
 mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro;
 and,
 - (g) aryl optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₈alkyl, C₁₋₈alkoxy, amino, mono(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄)alkylamino, cyano, halogen, hydroxy and nitro; and,

m is an integer from 2 to 5 which represents the carbon atom number corresponding to

the point of attachment for the X-C(O)- substituent moiety on the anilino ring of formula (Ic).

29. A compound selected from the group consisting of:

- 3-[[(phenylamino)carbonyl]amino]-4-[4-(phenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-benzamide;
- 3-[[(phenylamino)carbonyl]amino]-4-(4-phenyl-1-piperidinyl)-benzamide;
- 3-[[(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylamino)carbonyl]amino]-4-(4-phenyl-1-piperidinyl)-benzamide;
- N-[2-(4,4-diphenyl-1-piperidinyl)-5-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-N'-phenyl-urea;
- *N*-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-[4-(phenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]phenyl]hydrazine-carboxamide;
- 4-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-3-[[(phenylamino)carbonyl]amino]-benzamide;
- 4-[4-(diphenylmethylene)-1-piperidinyl]-3-[[(phenylamino)carbonyl]amino]-benzamide;
- N-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-4-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl)phenyl]-N-phenyl-urea; and,
- *N*-cyclohexyl-*N*'-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-4-(1-piperazinylcarbonyl) phenyl]-urea.

30. A compound selected from the group consisting of:

- 31. A composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, tableting ingredient or diluent and the compound of claim 1.
- A method of treating or preventing a disease or condition in a subject which disease or condition is affected by phospholipase modulation, which method comprises administering to the subject in need of such treatment or prevention a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 1.
- 10 33. The method of claim 32, wherein the method further comprises administering to the subject in need of such treatment or prevention a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 31.
- 34. A method of treating or ameliorating an inflammatory disorder in a subject in need thereof comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective

amount of the compound of claim 1.

- 35. The method of claim 34, wherein the method further comprises administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 31.
- 36. A method of treating or ameliorating restenosis in a subject in need thereof comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 1 by impregnating the therapeutically effective amount of said compound on the surface of a medical device and administering the medical device to the subject.
- 37. The method of claim 36, wherein the method further comprises a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 31 impregnated on the surface of said medical device.

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